IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of : Attorney Docket No. 0074-450511

William Frederick Ashworth : Group Art Unit 2625

Application No. 09/936,530 : Examiner Stephen M. Brinich

Filed: 11/26/2001 : Confirmation No. 7087

For: Improvements Relating to

Halftone Patterns

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Official Action mailed on October 17,2006, please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks concerning the official action and the amendments to the claims begin on page 6.